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Ransdell gets top job

Presidential search ends after six months

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BY SHANNON BACK

The Board of Regents plans to name Gary Ransdell as the ninth president of Western at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Ransdell and James Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration at Western, interviewed with the regents one last time Monday night.

"I would just like to say congratulations to the new president," Ramsey said last night.

The board made the decision after almost a week of deliberation and three closed meetings.

Ransdell, who is the vice president for Administration and Advancement at Clemson University, said he could not comment on the appointment until it is officially announced. He is expecting to hear from the regents today to confirm an announcement time.

Ransdell, who is a 1973 Western graduate and former Western administrator, said when he came to campus for an interview Aug. 26 that he wants "to come home" to Western.

"I left for a purpose, and now is the time to apply that purpose," he said at the faculty forum.

Most of Ransdell's higher edu-

cation experience has been in administration. He was associate director of Alumni Affairs at Western from 1978-81. He was director of Alumni Relations at Southern Methodist University in Dallas from 1981-87 and has been at Clemson since then.

Barbara Burck, vice president for Academic Affairs, has served as interim president since former President Thomas Meredith left in May to become chancellor of the University of Alabama system. She said she'll be pleased when the board makes an announcement.

"Our board did labor very

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Katrina Kump/Herald

Gary Ransdell visited campus Aug. 26 for his first interview.

Proposal outlines rights of owners, renters

BY KIM LEONARD

Bowling Green Mayor Eldon Renaud said he wants students and other tenants to be able to find an "apartment up to code."

To do that, he is proposing the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (URLTA) to the Bowling Green City Council.

"It sets up the rights and duties of landlords and tenants," said Krista Knaul, Renaud's legislative assistant. "We have guidelines."

City council will hear the first reading of the bill Oct. 21.

URLTA was passed by the General Assembly in 1976 for all class one cities, such as Louisville and Lexington. Bowling Green does not fall into this category. Every city, however, can pass URLTA.

Renaud said he thought about students when he decided to bring the act before the council.

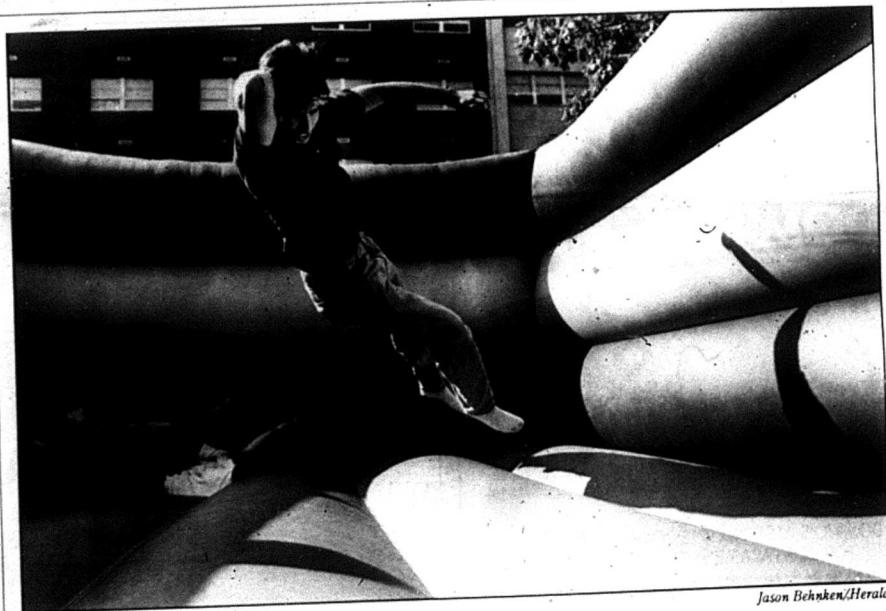
"When I first got to Bowling Green, I knew I'd be going to graduate school at Western, and I knew I'd be trying to find an off-campus apartment," he said. "I was surprised at the horrendous conditions. I knew I wouldn't want my daughter going to college and have to go out in the community and find housing like that."

Brownsville senior Shawn Alexander said he personally hasn't had any problems with his landlord, but he can see how it would be helpful.

"The act would be good because it would set specific guidelines and students would know what they're getting into," he said.

Jack Sheidler, one of the owners of The Gables, said the current laws are adequate.

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Jason Behnken/Herald

Skywalker: Nashville senior Daniel Hall, right, and Crab Orchard junior Chris Trupin jump in the K&D Moonwalk during yesterday's job fair in the Valley between Gilbert Hall and Rodes-Harlin. The fair was a Residence Life program organized by Bardstown senior Mike Ice, a resident assistant in Gilbert. See story, Page 6.

Campus stores offer convenience

BY MATT BATCHELOR

Add frozen pizzas, half-gallons of milk and condoms to the assortment of items that can be charged on a Big Red Card.

They're all available at the convenience stores at West Hall Cellar and Pearce-Ford Tower. Both stores opened to the public yesterday morning amid little fanfare.

Students trickled in the front door of West's Top Shop and PFT's Short Stop throughout the day, most to simply gaze at the new eats.

"Come on in and check it out," Food Ser-

vices Director Nathan Farmer told a customer at the West store. "An earthquake just hit."

With a chuckle, Farmer was describing a fluorescent light fixture that fell across the cashier's desk, hindering but not ending operations at the store.

"We worked too hard to get this place open to close it six hours after it opened," he said.

The convenience stores have been under construction more than nine weeks and were originally slated to open at the beginning of the semester.

Students said they were grateful "quick-

marts" were added to the Hill.

"It's great because you don't have to lose your parking space to get to the store," Louisville freshman Tyler Bronger said, holding a jug of 2 percent milk.

If Bronger so desired, he could have grabbed breakfast cereal, a loaf of bread, a Pepsi (but not a Coke) and some loose-leaf paper.

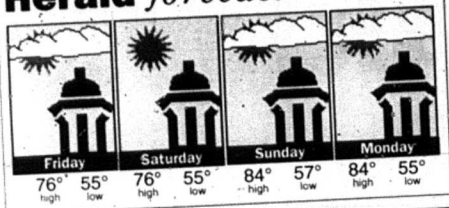
The West store carries all the snacks and such found at an average gas station, along with a few office supplies and personal care gear.

And Farmer said he plans to carry new products and drop some he now carries.

"Whatever the customers want us to bring in, we'll bring in," he said.

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Herald forecast



♦ Just a sec

Professors read writers' works

Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1680 Campbell Lane, is sponsoring two special events featuring Western professors in the coming weeks.

"The Poetry of Wendell Berry" will be at 7 p.m. Saturday. Dorsey Grice, a psychology associate professor, will be reading the works of one of Kentucky's most famous writers. Guitarist Randi Flanary will follow the reading with a selection of folk songs.

Don Dinkmeyer Jr., an educational leadership associate professor and author of "Parents' Handbook," will appear at 3 p.m. Sept. 20 to discuss his book and explain how parents can help their children become responsible and cooperative. He will also conduct a question-and-answer session.

♦ Clearing the air

A headline in Tuesday's Herald should have said the physics and astronomy department is sponsoring a free program for people who want to view celestial objects.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Charges

♦ Patrick DeJwan Robey, Barnes-Campbell, was charged Sept. 2 with possession of drug paraphernalia after he was driving on a suspended license and had weight scales in his car. He was released from Warren

County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,200 unsecured bond.

♦ Junius LeMichael Carpenter, 901 Chestnut St., was charged Sept. 4 with driving on a revoked or suspended license in Grise Hall lot. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$200 cash bond.

♦ Brian Kelly Goins, 109

Creekwood Drive, was charged Sept. 4 with operating a vehicle on a suspended or revoked license and expired Kentucky registration plates after being stopped in Snell Hall lot for possession of alcohol on campus. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$235 cash bond.

♦ Stacey Elaine Jordan, 1288 New Grove Road, was charged Friday with driving on a DUI suspended license first offense while driving down Center and 13th streets. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail the

same day on a \$200 cash bond.

Reports

♦ Maclynn Renee Scott, a Western employee, reported Aug. 29 \$894 in receipts and cash stolen from the Housing Office.

♦ Michael Patrick Crowe, East Hall, reported Aug. 29 that Heather Lynn Stinson was harassed by a man while standing near her car in Diddle lot.

♦ Theresa Gerard, Garrett Center, reported Sept. 3 two antique brass candlesticks, valued at \$200, stolen from the Faculty House.

♦ Lynda Ann Benson, Bemis Lawrence, reported Friday jewelry, valued at \$290, stolen from her dorm room between Wednesday and Thursday.

♦ Alex Matthew Plocik, Rodas-Harlin, reported Sunday the passenger side window of his car, valued at \$75, broken and his stereo, valued at \$280, and six CDs, valued at \$72, stolen while parked on the fifth floor of the parking structure.

♦ Charles David Nixon, Rodas-Harlin, reported Tuesday his laundry, valued at \$180, was stolen Saturday from a dryer in the dorm.



Jason Behnken/Herald

Hold on tight: During yesterday afternoon's Military Science 101 class, Versailles junior Liz Crossfield rappels from the third floor of the parking structure. "I was happy to hit the ground," she said.

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Crime reports do not reveal whole story

BY BRIAN MAINS

To anyone who has had a car broken into or a book bag stolen during their stay at Western, this fact should not be surprising — campus crime has not gone away. The good news is it hasn't increased dramatically in the past three years — at least that is what the annual crime report released this month by campus police states.

"We have a safe campus," said campus police Capt. Mike Wallace of criminal activity on campus as he looked at the pamphlet.

The report tallied the number of various crimes that occurred on campus for the 1996 calendar year and lists the numbers from 1994 and 1995 as well.

Those crimes are broken into 13 categories, ranging from murder to driving under the influence.

There have been no major increases in any type of crime on Western's campus — the largest percentage increase was drug violations, which jumped from 30 in 1994 to 42 last year.

But sometimes the numbers that appear in the crime report do not give the total picture. Lack of reporting or the social consciousness surrounding a crime can lead to distorted figures in such things as DUI arrests and rape.

DUIs dropped from 99 in 1994 to 52 in 1996, but that doesn't necessarily mean fewer people are "drinking and driving," Wallace said.

The numbers fluctuate from year to year, and that could account for a large part of that difference in arrests, he explained.

Also, campus police aren't the only law in the land. "Other agen-

cies arrest more," Wallace said.

Jim Kanan, a sociology assistant professor, said he agreed that some "structural factors" play into the numbers seen in Western's crime report when it comes to things like DUI.

Most students go to parties off-campus, he said, and therefore may be out of campus police jurisdiction.

Kanan said the other reason why DUI and other numbers don't go away has more to do with the moral structure of society than policing.

"We just may not think it is a serious crime," he said. "We are a little too tolerant as a society." Sometimes it's the nature of the crime itself which keeps campus and other reports from showing the true numbers of a particular crime.

Rape is just such a crime, said Lorrie Reeves, education director

for the Rape Crisis and Prevention Center in Bowling Green.

"If somebody is mugged, we don't ask what they did to provoke it," she said. "When a rape victim is raped, (we do)."

There has only been one rape reported to campus police in the last three years, that being in 1994.

Reeves said the number is not the total picture. She said at least once each semester she is called to the hospital late at night to console a college student.

Society tends to blame the victim in many rape cases, Reeves said, which leads to women being reluctant to report the incident in some circumstances, victims' own ignorance of their rights aggravates the problem.

Kanan agreed, saying rape is "notoriously underreported" in many places.

Other crimes, such as burglary and larceny, do not go so

notoriously unreported. In 1994 there were six cases of burglary, compared to three in 1996, and 206 cases of larceny in 1994, compared to 211 in 1996.

These crimes are almost always reported, Kanan said, because people want their belongings back.

No matter what type or severity of the crime, campus police officers are interested in solving it, Wallace said.

"We vigorously encourage students to report crimes," he said. "There have been other situations in the past where that hasn't been encouraged."

Even though the numbers may not tell the whole story, Reeves said campus police and their crime report do try to address the issues of safety on campus.

"(The) statistics give a broad picture to go on," and that is a place to start, Reeves said.

Alumni, students target in fund-raising efforts

BY JAMES S. EDELEN

It's official: a degree from Western is in the mail. But that next letter from Western, the one asking for money, may not be so welcome.

The idea of giving back to one's alma mater has been around for years. Each year, universities across the country receive hundreds of millions of dollars from alumni.

Brandenburg freshman Gabe Brown said financial support for someone's school should be part of the college experience.

"I will give (money) back so that others will have the same education and opportunities I had," he said.

Each year on the Hill, \$3 million in private funds are received

from sources outside the university, with a majority of the money coming from individuals.

"Most people have a misconception that corporations is

where most of the money is coming from," said Alumni Affairs Coordinator Donald Smith. "Individuals are typically giving the most to a university."

Reeves said sharing grants and private contributions from alumni and businesses combined account for 6 percent of Western's annual \$130 million budget. Around 46

percent of the budget comes from students' tuition and fees, with the remaining 48 percent coming from the state.

With an ever-increasing base of students and alumni to work with, Smith said he sees the undergraduate years as the best time to start making a connection.

"What we've realized is that we wait until a student is an alumni to solicit them (for money)," he said. "We've got a captive audience while they're here, and we need to educate students on giving

back to WKU and what it means."

With an emphasis on getting more students involved as well as educating them about the fund-raising process, Smith said the student-supervised Phonathon will expand beginning next fall, moving from its two-month format to a year-round operation.

Smith said phone solicitations offer a greater return than any other means of fund raising, with a 30 percent success rate. Direct mail has only a 4 percent success rate.

In an attempt to increase its take of the fund-raising pie, the annual phone event will expand its goals, Smith said.

"We have a base of 60,000 alumni to work from, and we are only reaching half of them," he said.

Pledges from last fall's Phonathon, raised in just under two months, totaled \$400,000. The switch to a 12-month operation will provide fund-raising opportunities on a year-round basis.

Versailles senior Carlene Lodmell said her work with the Phonathon serves both the Western community and alumni.

"When you are calling alumni, you have something in common with them," she said. "Touching base each year helps them keep in touch with the university."

Phonathon Chairman Scott Self said he sees private funding as being central to the success of the university and the students.

"It's a game we play every day to see how many we can meet and sell the university to again," the Louisville senior said.

"We need to educate students on giving back to WKU and what it means."

— Donald Smith
Alumni Affairs coordinator

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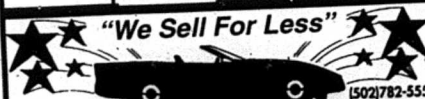
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Opinion

Legends have died, lessons have not

Students should learn from Princess Diana and Mother Theresa, reach out to help others

Princess Diana is gone. Mother Theresa is gone. And a lot of compassion and love for humanity went with them.

As often as she was photographed with some supposed lover, Diana was shown visiting a hospital, comforting the sick and dying children.

Mother Theresa based her entire life on serving her fellow man. She was perhaps the most universally revered and loved person of the 20th century.

The deaths of these two beautiful women have left society at a loss: who will visit the sick, feed

the hungry, comfort the hurting?

You will

We all will, because it will take a whole world to make up for what we have lost in the past two weeks. But you don't have to be in India or Europe

• **The issue:** The deaths of Princess Di and Mother Theresa leaves humanitarianism an work to be done.
• **Our view:** Students should get out there and do their part to help fill that gap of human service.

to make a difference in the lives of other people. It can be done right here in Bowling Green.

As college students, it will be up to us to one day lead the fight against all the injustices of society. So we must be prepared.

Former Western President Thomas Meredith knew this, and included in his "Moving to a New Level" plan a proposal that would have made community service a part of the curriculum. That idea didn't ever become policy, but it planted a seed that may grow into something special.

In October, Residence Life and several other offices will begin a program called Service Learning. This program will relate volunteering and community service to students' majors, allowing them to learn their skill and earn college credit while lending a hand.

Starting to think maybe you can do it after all? The Greeks do. All of Western's fraternities and sororities should be commended for the service work they do all over this city.



But volunteering has to be more than simply an organizational requirement or a restricted elective. To be real, it has to come from the heart.

And what are we talking about here? In the big picture, nothing you can't handle: an hour a week, sharing some thoughts with the elderly (at Western's Adult Day Care Center, call 745-2021). A helping hand to a boy dealing with the pains of child abuse (at Barren River Area Safe Space — call 843-1183 for information).

You could help build a house (Habitat for Humanity: 843-6027). Or donate a pint of blood (at the American Red Cross' office at 428 Center St., call 781-7377). Or help some homeless folks get back on their feet (at Russellville's Jesus Community Center, 502-726-8547).

So what's in it for you? A big monetary payoff? Don't bet on it. A sense of satisfaction. A sense of pride. A sense of doing "good." And it's easier to

achieve than you think.

There probably aren't starving masses in Bowling Green — there is no civil war and there are no evil dictators.

But what about the kid with multiple sclerosis who needs someone to play with him and tell him life can be wonderful?

And what about the old lady at the nursing home who gets dressed up every Sunday simply to sit and wait for the family that will never come?

These people live in Bowling Green. They live in your hometown. Whether your major is geography or education, you can help make the lives of people like these more fulfilling and meaningful.

That's what Princess Diana and Mother Theresa did for us, and it's what they would want us to do for each other.

People poll

♦ What do you think of Aramark food service so far?



"I haven't tried it. I live off campus, and eat off campus."

Carl Orton,
junior from Galax,
Va.



"It's still the same. They still overprice for nutrition."

Colory Bunn,
Bowling Green
senior



"There's a better variety. I'm pretty satisfied."

Kevin Willis,
Radcliff junior



"It's a little overpriced, but the food is good."

Mike Wargol,
Evansville junior



"I like the fact that it's expanded. I really like the Chick-fil-A."

Matt Haskins,
Greenville junior

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Forum

Dorm dwellers need lesson in courtesy

Living in the dorms is bad enough, but common courtesy on everyone's part will make things bearable and possibly enjoyable. Let's begin with entering the dorm. On numerous occasions, I have tried to open the door to the building but have been unable to find the handle because of the smokescreen that had developed. Those whose roommates won't allow them to smoke in their room take their refuge by sitting outside the front door and smoking up a party.

That's fine if you want to smoke and you have every right to be there. But have you ever thought, how unenjoyable and disgusting it is for those of us who don't smoke and try to avoid it at all costs? All we want is to be able to get to our room and crash and still be able to breathe.

Once in the room, trying to

relax and take a nap in the middle of the afternoon can prove to be extremely difficult. Once the soaps are over, students crank up their stereos and start socializing.

There is nothing wrong with either of those if they are done at appropriate times and places. Standing in the hall, ranting and raving over the latest gossip of who's dating who can be heard by all those other students behind their closed doors.

If you can remember back to kindergarten, there are such things as inside voices, which are soft or normal, and outside voices, which are loud. It would be nice if

everyone used the appropriate voice so others would not be disturbed.

Everyone knows the dorm walls are extremely thin. Therefore, cranking up the stereo in your room can be heard in rooms that are one or two doors away.

Doing this during the week is not common courtesy because you don't know if your neighbor is sleeping, studying or talking on the telephone. If one student's music is blaring, then others have to make a decision.

Do they confront the student and hope the situation will go well

and be resolved? Do they start a contest as to who can be the loudest and most obnoxious person?

Hopefully, students will take into consideration the feelings of other students and things can be resolved peacefully.

Now it's time to study, but your roommate wants to watch television and talk on the telephone. So you decide to go to the study room that is down the hall and enjoy some peace and quiet.

Think again. It seems that the study room has turned into a hangout for those who want to look the part, but accomplish nothing.

Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't a study room exactly that? A place to go that is quiet and free from distractions without having to walk all the way up the Hill to Helm Cravens Library. If the definition has changed recently,

please inform me so I won't make that mistake again.

Asking a fellow student if you can borrow a pencil or piece of paper is fine or even if you need their help with a problem, but nosing and telling jokes is another story. Using your outside voice is disturbing to those of us who really care about our grades and need a quiet place to study.

If someone asks you to be a little quieter, it would be commendable if you could display some common courtesy. After all, they are paying just as much money to live in the dorm and use its facilities as you.

Common courtesy will get you a long way in life and will make living in such close quarters more enjoyable.

Editor's note: Sarah Ramsey is a junior public relations major from Sedalia.

Sarah Ramsey
Commentary



Letters

Christianity not the only religion

I just finished reading the "Losing our Religion" article in your Aug. 28 edition of the Herald, and personally I am disappointed. I only had two years of journalism in high school, but one thing I learned was that articles not under the heading "opinion" were supposed to be totally objective.

The article in your paper seemed to target those students who are either non-Christians or who are not as devout Christians as some would like them to be. I understand that this is the Bible Belt, but I always thought that in a center for higher learning there would be more tolerance for "unorthodox" religions.

I myself am an Eclectic Pagan and also an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church, which is a non-denominational organization based out of Modesto, Calif. A Pagan is someone who worships gods other than traditional Christian representation of God.

When I arrived at Western almost a month ago, I was surprised at the number of solicitors I encountered in the parking lots.

According to the First Amendment, each citizen of the United States has the right to believe and practice as they see fit. Now I'm beginning to think that this applies only to Christians.

A close associate of mine, the Rev. Barry Cripps, who is also Pagan, was equally disgusted at the biased opinion presented by the paper. He suggested that following the parameters of the First Amendment we should investigate the formation of a group dedicated to the Pagan populace of Western — the aim being to unite people of other various religions and share fellowship and knowledge and perhaps educate people in the ways of Paganism. The Universal Life Church has given us complete support in this endeavor. We feel it is necessary to show people that we are people with loves, goals and beauty of various religions. There has been an increasing number of Pagan unions formed in other colleges and universities nationwide.

Anyone who wishes to contact us may feel free to do so at the following address: the Rev. Chris Emmerich at Jester@ccsx.net or the Rev. Barry Cripps at Barry@ccsx.net.

Chris Emmerich
Smitha Groce Freshman



Women should be treated as human beings

Rape is OK. At least that's the message sent by the words and actions of many male students here at Western.

You don't think we have a problem with rape? Well, maybe there haven't been too many reported incidents of rape, but all the ingredients are here.

Where are they? Listen to the guys you pass on the way to class. Listen for the comments about various parts of a woman's anatomy. Listen for the familiar, "I'd love to do that." Listen to the talks about how many times a guy has "scored."

What do all these words say? They say that men don't really care how they get sex, as long as they get it. They say that men want nothing more than a few minutes of physical gratification. They say that men view women as objects rather than as people.

A few words can't really lead to rape, can they? Maybe not. But certain words do foster an environment of hostility. No wonder women on campus are afraid to walk home from the Helm-

Cravens Library at night. Who knows what guy might be lurking in the bushes around the fine arts center, just waiting to "get home"?

These words only begin to describe the atrocities committed against women on this campus. Think about all the guys who proudly display their copies of Sports Illustrated swimsuit issues. What purpose does this particular issue have other than to objectify women? Unfortunately, this is only the mild side of a much larger assault on women: pornography. That's right. All you guys who sit in your rooms and laugh and joke about this month's issue of Playboy or Penthouse are helping subsidize an industry that focuses on the

dehumanization of women. After all, you can't rape a woman. It's when women are made less than human that men think it's OK to rape.

What form does this rape take? It may be nothing more than taking a woman to dinner and a movie and expecting sexual favors in return. It may be assuming that it's OK to touch a woman whenever you want. It may be offering a woman a few drinks so she'll be more compliant. Whatever the case, all of these represent forms of rape. In each of these cases, a man is abusing some perceived superiority to get what he wants from what he sees as an inferior woman.

How can we stop this? It's simple. Using words that reflect some degree of sensitivity is a

start. Recognizing that women are people equal to or even superior to men would help. Refusing to purchase pornographic and semi-pornographic material sends an even stronger message. If no one bought this stuff companies wouldn't sell it. Yes, that means you should throw away that "special" magazine away from your bed and never buy another one. It also means that you shouldn't spend time searching for pictures of Jenny McCarthy naked on the Internet.

More than 40 percent of all women will be victims of some form of sexual assault in their lifetimes. This can only be prevented if men are willing to take critical steps. Respect women the way you wish to be respected. Take time to think about words and actions before you execute them. Think about how you would feel if someone raped your mother or sister. Otherwise, you're saying to everyone: Rape is OK.

Editor's note: Andy Spears is a communications graduate student from Crestwood.

Andy Spears
Commentary



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Program gives teen-agers chance at college

By EMILY BAKER

Morgantown sophomore Brian Perrin sings the praises of Upward Bound, an educational counseling program for high school students federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

"It was about the best program I've ever been in," Perrin said. "A lot of people are in college shock right now. The program helped me tie the bond between high school and college."

Upward Bound, a nationwide program, is 31 years old and has been at Western since 1963.

"Our main goal is to provide motivation and academic support so that a student will go on and be successful after high school," said Linda Gaines, director of Upward Bound. "About 85 to 90 percent of our kids do go to college; about 30 to 55 percent persist to completion during five years."

The program works with about 70 high school students

each year from Allen, Butler, Edmonson, Hart and Logan counties and from Russellville city schools.

"Each of us working with the program has two schools, and we visit them twice a month throughout the year," Gaines said.

"We try to see the students one-on-one and ask how classes are going and give them ACT and scholarship information."

"We bus the students in one Saturday a month," Gaines said. "We provide tutoring in the morning, take them to lunch and do something cultural or social in the afternoon."

In the summer, participants come to Western for six weeks, live in dorms and take five academic subjects plus an elective course, Gaines said.

"We have special programs and speakers, too, and do something cultural or social at night and one Friday. They go home on weekends," Gaines said.

At the end of the summer, if the students make a C or better in all of their classes, they get to go on a trip. Last summer, they went to Washington, D.C.

"If the student stays in the program until high school graduation, he or she can take six hours of courses at Western the summer after they graduate, and Upward Bound pays for it," Gaines said. "This is called the bridge program."

Both Perrin and Munfordville sophomore Andre Barbour participated in the program and recognize the benefits of experiencing college life early. "I learned how to manage my time between school and clubs," said Barbour, who is involved in a fraternity, the band and hall government. "It gave me a chance to see what college was like and to know what professors wanted from me in class."

Gaines said they talk to high school counselors and get referrals. They ask for students who make A's, B's and C's, and may not have college as a goal. Sometimes they get self-referrals from students who have talked to other Upward Bound students. The federally-mandated eligibility criteria states that participants be low income or potential first-generation college students, meaning neither of their parents is a college graduate, Gaines said.

"It is a rather lengthy application process," Gaines said. "We interview parents as well as students."

Most participants begin the program as high school sophomores and stay in the program

until they graduate from high school, Gaines said.

Like the students involved, those implementing the program acknowledge its benefits.

"The program builds a lot of confidence in students and shows them they can do a lot of things they never thought they could," Counselor/Learning Specialist Michelle Jones said. "We have a lot of success stories with students. They go all over and excel."

The Perrins are examples of the program being a family project. Brian's younger brother, a high school junior, is in the program now, and his older brother, Morgantown sophomore James, went through the program.

The program is looking for tutors to work Saturday mornings, basically four hours a month, Gaines said. "If you are interested in a teaching career, this is a good way to get experience on a limited basis," she said.

JOB FAIR: Employers recruit students for openings

By CHARLIE LANTER AND JOHN STAMPER

Western students make Bowling Green go. From banks to fast-food restaurants to Wal-Mart, students pull double duty and work part-time jobs across the city.

And those businesses were looking for more of a good thing yesterday afternoon at a job fair located in the Valley between Rodes-Harlin and Gilbert Hall.

Elizabethtown junior Kenny Rambo, who works as a management intern at Wal-Mart, said about 60 percent of the discount/grocery store's employees are college students.

"We've collected several applications

and we're actively recruiting students because of the Christmas season," Rambo said. "One of our big issues is availability, but we're just looking for motivated people."

Students were filling out applications for jobs at places like Bob Evans Restaurant, Bowling Green Bank and Trust and Western's department of Residence Life during the fair, which also featured free food and entertainment.

Tiffany Hatchet was one of those students. "I've been looking for a job since I got here," said Hatchet, a junior from Aiken, S.C. Hatchet said students like herself who

are still unemployed at this point in the semester are having trouble getting hired.

"We've had a hard time just because places have already hired all the people they're going to need," she said. "But there's hope. It's an application, and they're hiring."

Tracie Oliver, who oversees the Money Mart Branches of Bowling Green Bank and Trust, said college students are a mainstay at the bank.

"The president of our bank is even a Western graduate," she said. "Any time we have an opening we always let Career Services know."

Western's Career Services Center also had a booth at the event, explaining to students exactly how they can help them get a job.

The center does things like produce a job vacancy bulletin, brings employers to campus for interviews and offers career advising and job search counseling.

Bardstown senior Mike Lee, who coordinated the event, said he hoped the fair made job hunting easier for students than it was for him.

"I thought maybe if we could bring the employers here, it would make it easier for other students to find jobs."

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Celebration takes awareness to streets

BY KELLEY LYNN

People will be taking to the streets tonight in support of sexual assault victims.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Western will host an awareness program called "Take Back The Night." The event begins at 6 tonight on DUC south lawn. Information booths, free food, door prizes and live music will be there and a walk for victims' rights will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The main goal of this event is to develop an awareness of sexual assault victims and their needs, said Lorrie Reeves, community educator for Bowling Green's Rape Crisis and Prevention Center.

"Their main need is to be believed and supported," she said. "That's what this is all about."

Information booths will be set up distributing material on a variety of related topics ranging from rape prevention to victims' rights.

April Fulcher, Bowling Green Police Department victim advocate, urges students to get involved.

"Date rape is certainly a serious issue that goes on at all col-

lege campuses," she said. "And Western is by no means exempt from that."

Reeves especially encourages men to come out and support this event for one important reason: "It's not a male-bashing rally or just for women because men are victims too," she said.

"One in four women and one in six men are raped before they graduate from college," she said. "And if men are not primary victims of sexual assault, they are definitely secondary victims because their wife or mother or sister has been raped."

The music line will feature regional bands "Jimmy Lee," "Radiant Lull," "Trip" and "Doc & Penny."

The food was donated by Bowling Green restaurants including Rafferty's, Applebee's, Chi Chi's, Toot's, Mariah's and Zaxby's.

"Take Back The Night" began in Germany in 1973. Five years later, it spread to the United States.

"Take Back The Night" typically started as a rally," Reeves said. "Our walk is not a rally. Our walk is a show of belief and support for sexual assault victims."



Carrie Pratt/Herald

Sarah Mock, a freshman from Youngstown, Ohio, paints a T-shirt during a women's studies class while Princeton sophomore James Fritz watches. They were preparing the T-shirt for the Clothesline Display Project, where the colors and messages on the shirts symbolize violent crimes against women. The shirts will be displayed from 7 to 9 tonight on DUC south lawn for the "Take Back the Night" program.

Johnson taking reins in agriculture

BY EMILY BAKER

Agriculture Professor Gordon Jones is stepping down as the interim head of the agriculture department on Oct. 1. Professor Ray Johnson will be taking over on an interim basis.

Johnson, who has been at Western for 30 years, admits that it is going to take getting used to.

"It will be a challenge, to say the least," Johnson said. "The biggest challenge is to keep the department going. We have a good department, and I want to keep it that way."

"I wasn't terribly in favor of taking the position initially," Johnson said. "I was enjoying optional retirement."



Ray Johnson

With the encouragement from other faculty members and Martin Houston, dean of Ogden College, he agreed to take the job until a full-time chief could be found.

Originally from Elizabethtown, Johnson received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate in soil finance/agronomy from North Carolina State.

Jones stepped down as interim department head to return to teaching, Houston said. "I can understand him going back to what he loves," he said.

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SGA pushes safety, lobbies for skywalk

BY CHARLIE KANTER

Student Government Association President Keith Coffman said he's working with state and university officials and the SGA congress in an attempt to have a skywalk built over University Boulevard.

Last semester a student was hospitalized after being struck by a car while crossing the road.

This is not the first time SGA has asked for a skywalk.

In February 1996 SGA proposed a skywalk be built between Pearce Ford Tower and Jones Jagers Hall.

The proposal didn't get very far though because of funding concerns and because University Boulevard is a state road.

Coffman said he knows the project will be pricey, but money should be no object when it comes to student safety.

"I am afraid they'll say it's too expensive," the Russellville senior admitted. "But this needs to be done sooner or later. Otherwise, more students will be injured."

A similar problem existed at Northern Kentucky University until this semester, according to Theresa Hayden of Northern's SGA.

"To my knowledge, no one had been hit but we did have some near misses," Hayden said.

Rumble strips and flashing yellow lights were installed along Nunn Drive on Northern's campus this summer.

Hayden said the improvements were the result of a collaborative effort by public safety, SGA and the Residence Hall Association at Northern.

"I'm not sure about any of the other schools, but that's what we've done and it seems to be working," Hayden said.

Not even a crosswalk exists where students cross Lancaster

Avenue on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. The SGA there is working with the Richmond city council on getting a crosswalk and caution lights installed.

"The university wants it and the city wants it, but it's a state road, so nobody can really do anything about it," said Lisa Smith, SGA vice president at Eastern.

University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said a lawsuit brought against the university by one student who was hit while crossing University Boulevard was dismissed because it is also a state road.

"I just want it to be clear that the university couldn't do anything even if we wanted to," Wilkins said.

Coffman plans to present his idea for a skywalk at a meeting tomorrow morning with Wilkins, campus police Chief Morace Johnson and Lance Meredith of the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Wilkins said this won't be the first time this group has come together, and she doesn't see a solution in the near future.

Smith said cost is a factor, but Coffman's plan for a skywalk may not be feasible for other reasons as well.

According to her, the SGA at Eastern initially requested a skywalk, but the idea was shot down by university officials.

"They say if you build it over the road, people won't use it and that it takes away from the beauty of the campus," she said.

Coffman said he won't be satisfied until a decision to improve safety on University Boulevard is made and carried out.

"If I'm not happy with what I hear, I'm going to present it back to the students," Coffman said.

"And from there we'll take it to Frankfort and make them aware of our situation."

"This needs to be done sooner or later. Otherwise, more students will be injured."

— Keith Coffman
SGA president

Leaf program turns mulch into money

BY SHANNON BASK

Every fall leaves fill lawns all over Bowling Green. And thanks to the agriculture department, the same leaves are used to make lawns grow in the spring.

For the last 10 years, Western and the city have worked together to recycle the leaves in a process called composting, which causes the leaves to decay faster. Then it is converted into mulch and sold to the public.

The city saves more than

\$200,000 a year, and the university is raising scholarship money through the mulch sales, said Luther Hughes, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

"We're raising money, the city's saving money because they don't have to pay for landfill space and we're helping the environment," he said.

Each year about 8 million pounds of leaves collected by the city are taken to Western's farm for the composting process. Hughes said this keeps

20,000 cubic miles of landfill space clear.

"Every year we've processed those leaves and sold 100 percent of them before the new leaves fall," he said.

Randall Farris, assistant public works director, said the leaf program is a tremendous help to the city.

"It has saved us so much money," he said. "The fee for space in the landfill goes up every year."

"This is helping the city and the university."

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Minority representation increasing in Congress

BY CHARLIE LANIER

There are five blacks in the 75-member SGA congress this year, and Hopkinsville sophomore Robert Lightning said he feels it is his duty to find more minorities to help lead the campus.

"We need to have some of the few that are here go out and talk to others so they'll know how vital their participation is," said Lightning, a black representative from Poland Hall.

During the fall 1996 semester, 3 percent of the congress was black while, according to Western's Fact Book, 6 1/2 percent of students were black. Approximately 6.7 percent of this year's congress is black.

Though the numbers are small, Student Government Association President Keith Coffman said participation has increased in recent years.

"It is more than last year, and you've got to start somewhere," said Coffman, a Russellville senior.

Phyllis Gatewood Washington, director of Minority Student Support Services, said she's surprised there's as many blacks as there are.

"Only a small percentage of

"If someone would just take the first steps toward pioneering minorities into SGA and other activities, more would soon follow."

— Carlos Bennett
Radcliff junior

African-American students are active," Washington said. "And the ones that do participate are usually busy with one to three of the African-American organizations."

Washington also said minority participation in SGA could increase if the organization did

more to inform black students of its missions and goals.

"If SGA sees a need to increase the number of African-American members, they may want to start actively recruiting them," she said.

Radcliff junior Carlos Bennett doesn't know if recruiting more minorities would be helpful.

"If someone would just take the first steps toward pioneering minorities into SGA and other activities, more would soon follow," Bennett said. "Unless we get involved in things like that, we'll always be in the dark."

Coffman said he would like to see more participation in SGA from students of every race.

"I don't look at them as minorities. I look at them as fellow students," Coffman said.

"We're working on increased awareness for all students, and hopefully we can reach some minorities while we're at it."



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SGA wants better seats for students

BY CHARLIE LANIER

If SGA gets its way, student sections in Diddle Arena and Smith Stadium would be moved to the lower levels.

Student Government Association President Keith Coffman, who co-authored the resolution approved unanimously Tuesday, said because students are the biggest boosters they deserve to be closest to the action.

"I want to see students down there cheering and yelling hard with their faces painted and everything," the Russellville senior said.

Coffman expects the resolution to work in conjunction with the Hillraisers, an SGA committee designed to encourage attendance at Western athletics events.

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, the congress swore in new members and approved its 1997-98 budget of \$41,756, with \$4,000 of that to be used for Provide-A-Ride.

SGA created Provide-A-Ride last year to provide students with a sober ride home from area parties and bars.

Renowned jazz artist visiting

HERALD STAFF REPORT

World-renowned jazz educator and saxophonist Jamey Aebersold will be visiting Western tomorrow.

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RENTERS: Plan outlines rights, responsibilities

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"I don't think we need any more rules and regulations than what we have now," he said. "I'd like to know if he (Renaud) has ever owned any rental property and knows what landlords go through."

Knaul said the most important thing about the act is that it would clearly define the law.

"It makes the law less ambiguous," she said. "It will hold up in court."

The current landlord-tenant laws can be interpreted differently, Knaul said.

You might have one judge say it means this and another judge might say it means that," she said. "With a clearly-defined law, it can only be interpreted so many ways."

The act is fair to both landlords and tenants, Knaul said.

URLTA states that the landlord must keep the rental unit clean, livable and safe. The owner is also responsible for making needed repairs in the rental unit and obeying the housing, health and building codes.

Tenants must keep the property clean, obey health and safety rules and pay rent on time, according to the act. Failure to follow these rules can lead to an earlier eviction.

"Right now, it takes 30 plus days to evict a tenant for not paying rent," Knaul said. "With the act, it would only take seven."

Most Bowling Green residents want some kind of landlord-tenant law, according to a survey conducted by the Multi-Agency Council assessing family needs, she said. In fact, it ranked first.

Lori Howard, a Bowling Green resident, said the act is a good idea because of a bad experience she had with a landlord.

"I looked at an apartment and said I would take it if he cleaned it up," she said. "I paid my deposit and first month's rent. When I went to move in, it was dirtier than before, and when I pulled the refrigerator out, there was a dead mouse."

The landlord refused to give her money back, Howard said. She talked to a lawyer and he said she was right, but nothing legally could be done.

Despite the fact that the act failed both times it was brought before city council in the 1980s, Mayor Renaud wanted it discussed again, Knaul said.

"The mayor sees housing as a major problem for our city," she said. "He knew in the campaign this was one thing that he wanted to bring up for a vote."

Knaul said there will be a public forum to discuss the act at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Western's Continuing Education Building on Nashville Road.

"There will be a panel of five to eight people to address the legalities of the act, and people from other cities that have passed this act will be there to discuss how it has worked in their city," she said.

STORES: Prices are comparable

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

On Monday, the West store will begin offering packaged hot meals from the day's Topper Cafe menu.

"Basically, it's a quick grab-and-go," Farmer said. "Now they won't get all-you-can-eat, but it's designed for convenience."

Farmer also mentioned pizza by the slice as new food he's considering to add to the campus palate.

The price tag slapped on milk jugs and bread loaves at PFT and West varied little from prices at other local quick marts.

Snacks like Doritos and Snickers were identically priced at the Adams Street Minit Mart and the campus stores, \$2.19 and 69 cents, respectively.

Some items were actually cheaper on campus. At Minit Mart, 21-ounce Pepsi bottles were 99 cents, compared to 79 cents at the campus stores.

Milk was a bit pricier on campus: \$1.69 for a half-gallon.

"The prices are a bit higher, but I guess I pay for the convenience," Pennrod sophomore Jessica McElwain said. "I didn't have any food in my dorm right now."

McElwain said she's happy to have a store in her own dorm, PFT.

"It's handy," she said.



Jonathan Kirshner/Herald

Condom sense: A demonstration of the proper techniques for using a condom draws laughs from (left to right) Hannah van Zutphen-Kahn, a sophomore from Ann Arbor, Mich., Louisville freshman Joyce Walker and Bowling Green freshman Vivian Edison. Student Health Service sponsored the program last night at Bates-Runner.

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Ralph Bell crusade coming to Diddle

BY KELLEY LYNN

A crusade's coming to campus. Beginning 7 p.m. Sunday, "Celebration '97," a Ralph Bell/Billy Graham Associate Crusade, will roll out the welcome mat for anyone who wants to attend. There will be nightly services until Sept. 17.

"We're expecting people from around a 65 mile radius," said Stan Reagan, local crusade public relations committee chairman. "We're thinking probably in the order of ten thousand plus people."

The event, being held in Diddle Arena, will include nightly concerts from artists of all types ranging from country music artist Paul Overstreet to new wave artists Audio Adrenaline.

Bell, an associate evangelist in Graham's evangelistic association, will be presenting the nightly messages. Bell has spent much of his life spreading a message of Christianity.

He has been with the association for 32 years.

Bell gave up a future in baseball at the age of 16 when he decided to witness for God instead.

In a 1995 interview, Bell said he views a decay of morality as one of the largest problems facing people today. He said teen pregnancy, drug problems and the failing family unit are all indicative of this problem and are some of the points he feels he should focus on.

At each meeting during the upcoming week, audience members who have questions will have assistance with tough issues.

"We'll be able to help them," Reagan said. "We'll have trained Christian counselors there to help people walk through their doubts and find the light, so to speak. They won't be there alone."

Reagan said several years ago area churches began working to bring the crusade to



Ralph Bell

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"It's taken about two years, but it has come to fruition finally," Reagan said.

All seats are free and offered on a first come, first served basis.

Worshipers expected to park off campus

BY BRIAN MAINS

relations for the event.

Thanks to the grace of God, or at least 6,000 to 8,000 of his followers, parking will not be a bigger problem this weekend than it already is.

Worshipers gathering at Diddle Arena starting Sunday evening to begin the "Celebration '97," sponsored by the Ralph Bell/Billy Graham Association, will be parking off campus to save everyone from hassles and headaches.

"With classes going on, parking before (and during) the crusade will be very rare," said Stan Reagan, head of public

relations for the event. Instead, crusaders will be parking in lots near campus, such as Warren County High School's lot, Hillvue Heights Baptist Church lot and at Western's

Economic Development Center on Nashville Road.

Reagan said participants in the crusade will be shuttled in on color-coded school buses leased from the Warren County School

District and some buses used by many participating churches. The only spaces available in Diddle lot will be spaces reserved for the handicapped and school buses themselves.

RANDELL: Western selects next president

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hard for the university," she said yesterday. "You have to respect them for making the effort."

The presidential search began shortly after Meredith announced his resignation in February.

A selection committee chose four finalists to tour campus and attend faculty and staff forums. They were: Ramsey, Ransdell, Eugene Payne, an insurance firm executive in Austin, Texas, and Edward Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan.

When Ransdell visited campus, he stressed student involvement and volunteering.

"I want to make (volunteering) a part of the curriculum because this would be a great way to solve problems in our society," he told students. "Also, I want everyone to know that the president's house would always be open."

Another one of his top priorities is to work with the board to devise a new mission statement for Western. He said the current one is "generic" and doesn't reflect Western.

Many faculty members expressed concerns about privatization. Ransdell, who is in charge of privatization at Clemson, impressed the faculty with his answers.

"A lot of faculty members are afraid that their jobs aren't safe, so I think it's important we know where our president stands," said Debby Gabbard, an office coordinator for the library dean.

Kristina Goetz contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Food for thought

The Good. The Bad. The Overpriced.
Food is better on the Hill since Aramark took over,
but there's still plenty of room for improvement

Review by Rebecca Lenz

Let's talk eats, the most important part of a college student's schedule. Well, after sleep maybe.

First, let's address Marriott, Western's food service of yesteryear. The price was right, but the food wasn't. What was in that meat they served, anyway?

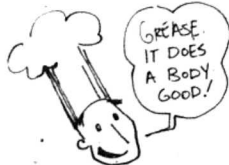
But they're gone now. And Aramark, our new provider, has spent at least \$820,000 renovating and bringing students better selections and better food quality. Overall, the food isn't bad — that is, if you want to pay for it. The prices of the grub sometimes rival the prices of the renovation.

But which restaurant has the best food? How much is too much to pay? Is there anything the company can improve on? For the scoop on the food, read on.

Downing University Center

◆ Food court restaurants, Grade: A

I'd like to start at the bottom of the Hill at Downing University Center. Some new restaurants grace the food court, like McDonald's and Chick-fil-A. Old standbys like Taco Bell and Pizza Hut are still there, too. There's not much to say about these fast-food joints other than it's nice to have them on campus; for that, they get a good grade. Don't expect anything unique — they're no differ-



ent than the city franchises.

◆ The Topper Cafe, Grade: A+

Now, let's talk about The Topper Cafe, formerly the Marquis Club. Well done on this one, Aramark. If you haven't tried it, hightail it down there next time Mr. Stomach starts to growl.

As far as atmosphere goes, it's still a cafeteria. The perk: most of the food is made fresh in front of you. The restaurant still offers the old a la carte specials, but none of it has that thin film on the top like the food did when it was the Marquis Club.

The pasta served there is fresh, hot and good; same goes for the flatbread pizzas. They appear a little odd, but are actually really good — try one. Ultimately, it was one of the few places where the price wasn't so bad: \$5.40 for

an all-you-can-eat buffet and fresh food.

◆ Starbucks Coffee, Grade: A+

Another bonus Aramark added. What a treat! And \$1.45 for a large cup is about right considering Starbucks is just about the trendiest coffee shop in the United States right now.

But don't try the muffins here. I ordered a blueberry and got something along the lines of a thick, old raisin thing ... yuck. I'm glad my dog liked it.

◆ Freshens Yogurt Shop, Grade: A

The cookies and cream yogurt from Freshens Yogurt Shop made up for the muffin mistake. They offer a yummy blend of low-fat yogurt. The \$2 price for a large order was a little steep, if only because the pile of swirled yogurt I received in the cup was hollow — they could have put



more in there. Am I being picky? You betcha.

Garrett food court

Now, let's venture up the Hill on our eating frenzy to discuss the new restaurants in Garrett food court. I have four words to describe it: good choices, bad prices.

◆ Leghorn's Chicken, Grade: C

It's good food, miniature meals and taxing prices. For \$3.99 (plus tax), I was served three of the smallest chicken fingers I have ever seen. Don't worry — the shot of mashed potatoes with gravy and a biscuit kept the little things company. The water was the only thing not overpriced.

The food tasted good, but it's really sad when you pay four dollars to eat out and then have to go home and eat again.



Festival to offer films on history of women

By STEPHANIE SIRIA

The mystery of coincidence and destiny. A sensuous fable of a Mexican woman's tortured life.

Sound interesting? They're the stories of two movies that are being offered to students and faculty during "Borders," an international film festival sponsored by the women's studies program. It begins at 7 tonight with a showing of the French film "Red." It's free.

"The festival gives students exposure to films that deal with the history of women," said Bowling Green sophomore Sharon Walker, who has attended the festival before. "It also brings issues relating to women to the forefront."

This semester's selections, covering four continents and just as many languages, are chosen for their broad appeal to both men and women.

◆ **The films will be shown in Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center and are free.**

We spread the word among both faculty, staff and students for suggestions," said Ted Hovet, an English assistant professor and chairman of the women's studies film/video committee. "We've been fortunate enough to have a student on our committee who gives us input."

"Red," the festival's first film, is shown entirely in French. It was named one of the year's best films in 1994 by the New York Times and the Washington Post. It also received Academy Award nominations for best director and best original screenplay.

For some, a movie shown in a foreign language may be intimidating, said Jane Olmsted, an English assistant professor and assistant director of women's studies. But give it a chance, she said.

"If people give it a try, I think they'll find themselves so caught up in the story that language isn't a problem," she said. "If participants have an adventurous spirit, after awhile reading the subtitles soon becomes natural."

Hovet said these films aren't in the mainstream of movies and that's a good thing.

"You won't see these in a movie theater in Bowling Green on a typical weekend," he said. "These are movies that make you think, unlike ones like 'Batman' or 'The Lost World.'"

But these aren't chick flicks. Olmsted said, "Men can also relate to the films shown," she said. "In fact, the last one in the series, 'The Wedding Banquet,' deals almost exclusively with male issues."

Following the films, there are discussions, and the participants on what they thought about the movie. Different professors will give viewers trivia about the filmmakers and actors.

Different can be intimidating, said Olmsted, but can also be exciting as well.

"These are a rich range of film that are superior to mainstream ones," she said. "They're also made for the curious to see what else is being done not in the mainstream."

The festival's three remaining films are "Like Water for Chocolate," showing Oct. 2, "Muriel's Wedding" on Oct. 23 and "The Wedding Banquet" on Nov. 23.

All films will be shown in the Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center. They're free. For more information, contact Hovet at 745-5782.

Exhibit features '50s appliances

By MIKKI OLMSTED

The term, "art" is in the eye of the beholder.

But as students walk past the fine arts center art gallery throughout the month of September, they may wonder what exactly the art is in there.

Maek Freeman certainly did. The Westmoreland, Tenn., native who plans to attend Western next semester liked the exhibit titled "Items of Experience," but he wasn't exactly sure what some of the pieces represented.

"It's pretty good," he said. "But it needs to have more color."

The solo exhibit is the work of sculptor Allen C. Topolski, an assistant professor at the University of Rochester, N.Y. The first of eight planned

art shows this school year, it will be on display Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 1. Topolski will be visiting campus Oct. 1 to talk to students about his artwork.

Topolski said the sculptures were made entirely from discarded domestic appliances from the 1950s. Among the pieces are "Anna's Appliance," an old sewing machine, and "Some Good Things to Have Around the House," a collection of hardware tools. All the sculptures are for sale, ranging in price from \$450 to \$1,600.

"I spend a lot of my time collecting material," Topolski said. "That is following garbage trucks

jumping into garbage trucks and pulling things out."

According to the 34-year-old artist, from Shamokin, Pa., his inspiration for the sculptures came from the objects themselves.

But he credits his enthusiasm for the 1950s theme to his parents. Topolski said the sculptures mirror his childhood and his parents' lifestyle.

The idea behind the exhibit is to force art lovers to think about the meaning of art in relation to the appliances.

"I hope they walk away realizing art has a wide definition and they can approach it in many different directions."

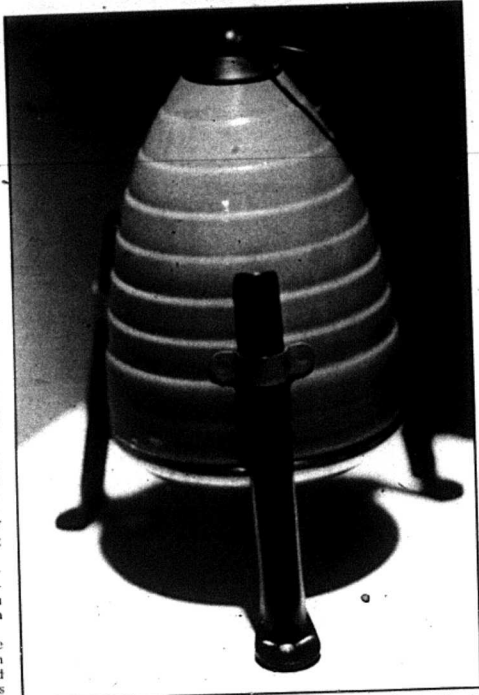
— Allen C. Topolski
assistant professor, University of Rochester

assistant professor in the sculpture medium, said he thinks students will do just that. A friend of Topolski, Oglesbee helped bring the exhibit to Western.

"The question is: Am I looking at a piece of art or an appliance?" he said. "How you answer that is your definition of art."

For sculpture art major Mike Baggarly, the art show made him redefine what art is. Still, he said he will encourage other students to come see the sculptures at the gallery.

"Don't take it for granted," the Beaver Dam junior said. "It may have more meaning than just at an eye's glance."



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"Crupik" by Allen C. Topolski, an assistant professor at University of Rochester in New York, is one of the pieces on display at the fine arts center art gallery.

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Civic club needs members

BY SARAH EVERS

A small number of students who like to help others are trying to revive the dead Circle K club on Western's campus so it can become a helping force in the community.

Circle K, a civic organization sponsored by Kiwanis International, folded during the 1996-97 school year because of a lack of interest.

There is an attempt being made this year to restore the club. To become a club on campus there must be at least 20 members, said Doug Foster, director of sponsored youth for Kiwanis in Bowling Green. Foster has had a response from five students as a result of an ad that was published in the Herald.

Shepherdsville freshman Erin Wilkias said anything a person does for the community is beneficial.

"It's better to go to school and get involved than to just be a student," she said.

Foster said he is excited about kicking off the group once 15 more students sign up.

According to faculty adviser Jim Koper, the hardest thing is to get enough interest.

— Doug Foster
Circle K organizer

"Circle K is specifically for people who want to be involved in the local community with a helping hand."

because of all of the sororities and fraternities that do service projects, and we are in competition with them," the education professor said.

Amy Mothersbaugh, a freshman from Newburgh, Ind., said she has been hinting to people she talks with to see if they

would be interested in joining. Foster said there is a lot of flexibility with Circle K.

"Circle K is specifically for people who want to be involved in the local community with a helping hand," he said.

Foster said members can participate as much as they want. There would be weekly meetings based on the best time for the most people. Foster said weekends are best, especially Sunday nights.

Once Circle K is recognized as a club, activities can begin. Kiwanis is involved in two main events each year, the hot air balloon classic in August and the Fourth of July fireworks. Foster suggested activities such as the Big Brother/Big Sister program, making Christmas baskets and various fund-raising activities.

Foster said Kiwanis has money set aside to help the Circle K club. Individual dues for students would be \$12.

For more information, contact Foster after 5 p.m. at 842-2843.

♦ Movie review

Douglas plays 'Game,' audience finds it fun

BY DAN HIER

"The Game" doesn't look like it'd be fun to play. But it's a lot of fun to watch.

The movie, which was shown as a sneak preview last night at DUC Theatre, bills Michael Douglas and Sean Penn as the stars.

Don't be fooled. The writers, John Brancato and Michael Ferris, are the real stars. And they shine generously.

If you're in the mood for some straightforward Hollywood schlock (admit it, we all are every now and then),

look elsewhere. This movie has brains, even if it takes them a while to develop.

Michael Douglas plays Nicholas Van Orton, a power-wielding banking executive so business-like that he misses a lot of the excitement in life. Enter CRS — Consumer Recreation Services. Nicholas' brother (Sean Penn) arranges for CRS to "entertain" and enlighten him.

After undergoing a battery of psychological tests, Nicholas is told that his custom-tailored game would begin soon. Then the fun begins.

Nicholas finds a scary clown (think "Poltergeist") lying in his driveway with a key in his mouth. Then, after relaxing in his living room, the guy giving the stock reports on television starts talking to him, telling him the rules of "the game." They basically read like this: keep your eyes open and

be prepared for anything.

The same advice would have served the viewers just as well. Nicholas' adventure drives him to paranoia — getting him shot at, nearly drowned in a car, trapped in an elevator — all before the movie really starts to pick up steam.

Eventually, Douglas is led to believe that he is trapped in an intricate conspiracy — for what, you'll have to see for yourself. It's worth admission price.

This is an intelligent movie. Or at least it tries to be, which is more than

can be said for most of this past summer's fare.

Unfortunately, amid the movie's suspense are a multitude of one-liners which, though funny, don't really fit the mood of the film. It could have been a lot darker. After all, this movie was directed by David Fincher, the same guy who directed "Seven."

"The Game" is much lighter, if not any less unsettling, than "Seven" was.

Deborah Kara Unger turns in a solid performance as a waitress who becomes entwined in "the game" halfway through. She develops into Nicholas' supposed friend.

But frankly, this movie changes its colors more than a chameleon. The ending takes more turns than a tilt-a-whirl at top speed. It's a fun ride. You'll leave with a smile on your face.

Grade: B+

"The Game"
Psychological thriller
starring Michael
Douglas and Sean
Penn. Rated R for lan-
guage and violence.

Food: Quality, price are concerns

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Suggestion for Aramark: Serve a bigger portion of food or drop the price considerably.

♦ **Allegro Pasta, Grade: C**
The next stop in this adventure brings us to a taste of Italy — sort of. Think Chef Boyardee. Allegro Pasta needs some help. They get an A for price, but a D for food quality — the marinara sauce there ran off my plate.

Using an advantage meal deal, the \$2.85 price tag was reasonable for a plate of spaghetti,

a bread stick and a small Coke. But it tasted bad, and the sauce was runny. Suggestion for Aramark: Either improve the product, or serve it in a soup bowl.

♦ **Hilltop Burger Works, Grade: B+**

What is this, Marriott's Firehouse under an assumed name? I tried the spicy chicken sandwich and an order of fries. Spicy? Consider that false advertising. I got the advantage meal, so again I only paid \$2.85.

I'll have to give an overall A for price and a B for quality.

♦ **Gretel's Bake Shop, Grade: A+**

Last, but not at all least, is Gretel's Bake Shop. They serve a mean chocolate cake for 89 cents. It's small, but so rich and heavenly, it's all you'll need. Kudos to Gretel for her fine desserts.

The bottom line

The food has improved — I must thank Aramark for that — but I'd implore them to make some changes. The quality of the food at the Hill, particularly in Garrett, needs to improve. It's the only way to make the price worth it.

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Forgive the writer, see the game

OK, so I failed to select the first home football game of the season as last week's pick of the weekend, opting to mention a charity concert instead. The concert bombed, the Hilltoppers won.

Stupid. Stupid. Stupid. Where were my priorities? It'll never happen again, guys. Promise.

And so begins my redemption. **Pick of the weekend**

Western vs. Eastern I don't care if it is a three-hour drive get out to Richmond at 6 p.m. Saturday night to support the boys in red. It's the 72nd face-off between us and the bad guys, and Western needs the support.

Are we gonna win? Do the math. With the pounding we gave Tennessee Martin and the triple overtime nail biting Oh my God are we gonna win? victory over Murray State the odds are in our favor. That's before you add Eastern's loss to Troy State to the equation. Top it off with the fact that we outrank them and you've got yourself a victory.

So go and see it.

Other happenings

• I gotta mention this charity case though. You could split from the game early and attend a benefit concert 7 p.m. Saturday at the White Hall.



WEEKEND SUPERPICKS

Chris Hutchins

Historic Site in Richmond. It's the home of Cassius Clay — the abolitionist and ambassador to Russia, not the boxer. Folk legend Jean Ritchie and Nashville artist Adie Grey will be performing to raise money to preserve the site. Tickets are \$16. Take the kids — if they're under 10, they get in free. Information: contact J. Michael Sills at 1-800-622-1416.

• If you're staying on campus Saturday night, shame on you. Reclaim your self-esteem by checking out the 38th annual Warren County Junior Miss pageant, held at 7 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium. It's \$5. High school senior girls will be showcasing talents in creative performance and physical fitness. It's not a beauty pageant; it's an All American pageant, organizer Kim Thomas says. Information: contact her at 745-7612.

• Cool things are afoot at 3 p.m. Sunday in the fine arts center recital hall. The event? Saxophonist Gail Levinsky — who moonlights as a professor at Mississippi State University — will be performing "Around the Clock," a work by Michael Kallstrom, a Western music associate professor. It's free. Information: contact the music department at 745-3751.

Weekend SuperPicks appears every Thursday. Feedback is welcome. If you'd like Chris to know about your weekend event (or party!), contact him at 745-6291, fax: 745-2697. E-mail: hutchjc@wku.edu. Snail mail: 122 Garrett Center, 42101.

Campus line

Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Page Hall Auditorium. Information: contact Crystal Bates at 745-3020.

Christian Student Fellowship meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the CSF House on Normal Drive. Information: contact Steve Stovall at 781-2188.

Campus line appears every Thursday. To get your event in, drop off your submission (including name, event or club, the time, date and place) to Garrett Center, Room 122. Include a name and phone number to publish for more information.

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Fire Down Below — 2:15, 4:30, 7:15

Excess Baggage — 2, 4:25, 7:30, 9:30

Conspiracy Theory — 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:30

Air Force One — 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

George of the Jungle/ Hercules

(double feature) — 2:30, 7:30

The Game — 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Piazza 6

How to be a Player — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

A Smile Like Yours — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Event Horizon — 2:15, 7:15

Hoodlum — 4:15, 9:15

Money Talks — 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Men in Black — 2:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15

G.I. Jane — 2:10, 4:40, 7

Martin Twin Theatre

Romy & Michelle — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Con Air — 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

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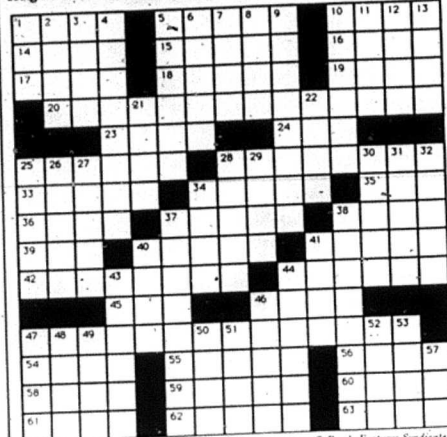
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18. Lunches
19. Landed
20. 1/1 event
23. Son of Seth
24. Island
25. Counterfeit: pref.
28. Was dry
33. Pile up
34. City in France
35. Start of a vowel recitation
36. Sniffer
37. Jabs
38. Gold-plated
39. Supplement
40. Exposes
41. Principle
42. Medicated state
44. Place for canned goods
45. Sister
46. River in Switzerland
47. "Adeste Fideles," for one
54. Good soil
55. Spooky
56. Cash's ___ Named Sue
58. Prairie prov.
59. Give a new surface to a street
60. Edit from back to front
61. Strip
62. Guns
63. Parisian periods

Down

1. Thoroughfares: abbr.
2. Fibber
3. Two ___ four is two
4. Rubber
5. Panda's lunch
6. Bread toppers

7. Make ___ against; prohibit
8. Little brook
9. Loses hope
10. Intelligence: slang
11. Luau entertainment
12. Stinky
13. Mitterand's noggin
21. Last portions
22. Snobbishness
25. Glass items
26. Chimney emission
27. Let up
28. Symbol
29. Red and yellow
30. Spoil
31. Moray seeker
32. Tune
33. Pamplona runner
37. Van Eyck and van Gogh
38. Produce
40. British thermal units, familiarly
41. Scarlett's place
43. Wolf or lynx
44. Trained horses
46. Hirohito or Ho Chi Minh
47. Show approval
48. Opening
49. At any ___ whatever happens
50. Athletic event
51. Laugh-in regular
52. Notice of demise
53. Mother ___
57. Absolutely!

Answer to last week's puzzle:

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Sports

Tops ready for next rival

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Another game against another rival.

That's what's on Saturday's menu for Western's football team, which is hungry for a win against in-state rival Eastern Kentucky at 6 p.m. in Richmond.

The No. 9 Hilltoppers (2-0) are pitted against the No. 22 Colonels (0-1), who lost to No. 2 Troy State last week.

It's a game that won't take much to get the players excited.

"When you say Eastern, you say it all," Western coach Jack Harbaugh said. "If you have to come up with some kind of (legendary Notre Dame coach) Knute Rockne talk before to get them fired up for this game, then we're probably dealing with the wrong people."

The 72nd meeting between the rivals will not just be a contest for state bragging rights — it could have a bigger impact. At least that's what junior cornerback Delvechio Walls said he believes.

"Oh, yeah, this game will determine the rest of our season," he said.

Senior cornerback Bryan Daniel knows about the rivalry, but feels the game against Eastern is just another piece to the Hilltoppers' playoff puzzle. And he wants the piece to fit.

"It's just another part of our mission," Daniel said.

Western goes into Saturday's game coming off an emotional triple-overtime win against Murray State. Harbaugh just hopes his players hit the field at Kidd Stadium with both feet planted firmly on the ground and use the emotion from the Murray game positively.

"You can use it as a springboard into the next week," he

said. "But sometimes, if your team isn't careful and your leadership doesn't handle it right, it can be negative — you end up not coming back down to earth quick enough."

And those wearing bright red will need to be back to earth when they walk into a flood of maroon Saturday. Harbaugh said Richmond is always a tough place to play, which will force his team to play as hard as it can.

Daniel said for his team to come up big, the Hilltoppers will need to repeat the first half performance they showed against Murray State.

"We're dealing with the same type of offense," he said. "What we have to do is stop them and not let up and get relaxed."

Correcting mistakes will be vital to success in Harbaugh's mind. "We have to get our special teams worked out or we're in

big trouble," he said. "And ball security is so important, but we're making some progress in that area."

On the other end of Kentucky, Eastern coach Roy Kidd has one thing in mind.

"We both want to win," he said.

But to Kidd, the rivalry isn't as big for his team as it is for the Hilltoppers. He said that when Western left the Ohio Valley Conference in 1982, the rivalry started to fade.

"The intensity on our side has not been the same," Kidd said.

But the future could rekindle Kidd's flame for the annual battle, when Western re-enters the conference in 1999.

In 1997, this game is big and the rivalry provides its own pregame mood for Walls.

"It's bigger than Murray, so we'll really be psyched up for this one," he said.



Jason Bohanon/Herald

Senior quarterback Willie Taggart was named Division I AA Player of the Week this week and Co-offensive Player of the Week last week. Taggart will lead Western (2-0) against Eastern Kentucky (0-1) this Saturday in Richmond.

Reaching for dreams

◆ Senior quarterback Willie Taggart's recent play might fulfill his dream of playing pro football

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Gloria Butler was happy when her son walked into her Palmetto, Fla., home in 1994 and told her he was going to play football at Western. "I said, 'Thank God,'" Butler said of the moment.

With that decision, the Willie Taggart era began on the Hill, but it wouldn't start immediately.

Taggart had led Manatee High School to two state title games in 1992 and 1993 after playing backup for a year to former Nebraska star quarterback Tommie Frazier.

Taggart wasn't used to watching. But he didn't have a choice because of his Proposition 48 standing. Proposition 48 declares athletes who don't meet academic requirements ineligible during their first year on campus.

"I hung around with the team a lot and it was like I was part of the team. I just couldn't practice with them," Taggart said of the void year.

But he wasn't alone. Taggart found a friend in senior cornerback Bryan Daniel, another Propo-

sition 48 athlete.

"We gave each other support, and that brought us closer and helped us get through it," Daniel said.

Taggart got the chance to display his skills on the playing field in the first game of the 1995 season, when then-senior quarterback Daryl Houston went down with a broken leg against Murray State. He scored on his third collegiate play, a nine-yard run.

Western got its first glimpse of the Taggart smile when he slipped and fell on the pavement behind the end zone.

"It was pretty funny," he said. "Guys were coming to pick me up, laughing and all."

Western coach Jack Harbaugh knew that night Willie would be the next leader of the team.

"He came in and directed the offense like he had been here for a long period of time," Harbaugh said.

Taggart finished the season at quarterback, tallying 1,369 yards of total offense.

He had made the transition to college football easily. For his success, Taggart gives credit to his mother.

"I had a lot of friends out there selling drugs when I was growing up, and she made sure I

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Topperette's injury gives fans more to munch on

You're hungry for leftovers of perhaps the greatest football game ever played at Smith Stadium. Just starving.

Hungry for more of the emotion, the inspiration left over from Saturday's Western-Murray LXII — soul food at its most literal meaning. Just starving.

Well, let's eat a side dish of that dramatic 52-50 triple-overtime Hilltopper win.

Leitchfield sophomore Janet Thompson sat there, back leaning against a wall, body crunched into a half circle, tears streaming down her cheeks.

The Topperette dancer was hit by a Western football player as the battle between the Racers and the Hilltoppers went out of bounds.

Contrary to what was previously reported by someone with the initials "JB" (Who could that be?), this was a Topperette, not a cheerleader. Big difference, you know.

She had become what she ordinarily would have laughed at — some girl who got ran over by a football player.

That's one rush for minus-two yards, if you're counting. And it's the first time Thompson's been tackled in her career. The first time a Topperette has been tackled, for that matter.

And we thought Western senior wide receiver Joey Stockton's 194 receiving yards was the only thing record-setting about last weekend.

But back to reality. That tackle hurt. It was a man (she can't remember what number) with shoulder pads and helmet, crashing into a 5-3 dancer at full speed. Ouch.

"He was like, 'Oh, I'm sorry,' and I was like, 'That's OK,'" Thompson said. "But then I tried to get up, and I couldn't. And my foot felt like it had rubbed up against concrete."



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

Before Saturday, Thompson's greatest fear as a dancer was getting knocked in the head with a basketball. But her sprained midfoot, a nasty injury that caused Thompson's foot to turn black and blue and warranted a mother's visit Sunday, will cripple her for at least a couple of weeks. It hurts whenever she walks, and that has her taking pain killers, which is pretty scary too.

But if you compare this to

Thompson's worst injury — a fall off a shoulder stand at a high school cheerleader's camp her junior year that caused a concussion and seizure — it's not noteworthy at all. CAT scan or X-ray, take your pick. Thompson feels so much like an athlete these days. The athletes trainers are giving her therapy right there with the athletes. Hey, she even got to ride shotgun in the trainer's van as she and sophomore safety Leroy Little (injured in the game and out for the season) went to seek medical attention.

If she was in baseball (her favorite sport), she'd be on the 15-day disabled list. Football would say she's on injured reserve. And basketball, well, it's not hoops season. There's still time to get hit on the head. Perhaps the Topperette should invest in a helmet.

Thompson considers this

whole thing funny. She laughed before the pain made her cry. She cracks a sometimes reluctant smile whenever a friend or associate limps along with her.

"We make fun of one of the girls on our team that is always in pageants," Thompson said. "So, when they picked me up and carried me into the van, I gave the Topperettes a pageant wave, like the beauty queens do."

Perhaps it's not the sports analysis we're accustomed to on these pages. But nevertheless, Thompson and the Topperettes were a part of the magic of last Saturday evening.

She never thought she'd get hit. I never thought I'd write a sports story about a dancer.

What a game. What an impact. It'll probably never be matched this season.

Help me with this dilemma. This weekend, Western plays another rival ... E-K-Who?

♦ Volleyball news

Western to host tourney

By CHRIS ABRELL

Preparation and determination weren't Western's problem against Cincinnati, Coach Travis Hudson said.

"It wasn't a situation where we weren't ready to play or where we quit," Hudson said. "I think (Tuesday) we got beat by a team that was better than us right now."

The Lady Toppers, now 3-4, slipped below the .500 mark against the Bearcats last night in a three-game sweep full of personal tragedy.

In the opening plays of game one, senior outside hitter Lori Cummings suffered an injury reminiscent of the one that ended her sophomore season. She came down on one leg and her knee slid out of place. Cummings stuck out the match and had a team high 10 digs, but her condition is listed

as doubtful for this weekend.

"Her medial collateral ligament is really loose," student trainer Jennifer Wade said. "It's possibly a strain. She's going to see Dr. (John) Burch in the morning so we can know for sure."

"We didn't make a lot of mistakes to let them back in it. They just started making plays."

— Travis Hudson
volleyball coach

The Lady Bearcats (3-4) struggled early in game one. Western jumped out to an early 4-1 lead only to hit a wall eight points later as Cincinnati rallied, scoring five unanswered points to tie the game at 12.

"We really came out and controlled the tempo in the first part of the game," Hudson said. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes to let them back in it. They just started making plays."

And Cincinnati kept making them. After succumbing to the Bearcats' comeback in game one, Western caved in, losing game two 15-4 and game three 15-12.

"The second game was all-around terrible," sophomore setter Jenni Miller said. "They killed us on the short serve. We just didn't catch on to it soon enough."

The brawl with the Bearcats did have some positives. The Lady Topper coaching staff keeps seeing gradual improvement.

"I thought we played pretty well at times," Hudson said. "Don't be misled by their record. They are a team that will win probably 20 matches this year."

Senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterkamp had another rock-solid performance — 11 kills, eight digs and a .290 hitting percentage.

"I think (Cincinnati) is a team we could play with," Ritterkamp said. "We did for games one and three. We played better. It's encouraging."

Western opens the home portion of its schedule tomorrow with the Lady Topper Invitational Tournament. Western plays Tennessee-Martin at 7 p.m. tomorrow and faces Western Illinois at 11 a.m. and Memphis at 5 p.m. Saturday.

REACHING: Taggart's future full of dreams

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didn't be like them — she made sure I had my head on right," the senior said.

Butler said she brought Willie up the way she was raised — by learning about the real world.

"I always taught him how to make a living, not to go out and do anything wrong to try to take what he wanted," she said.

The two often talk on the phone about what is going on in their lives.

"I'll always listen to her," Taggart said. "She's never told me anything wrong to this day."

When Taggart left home for Bowling Green, he found others to lean on. One of those people has been his coach.

"Coach Harbaugh is more like a father-type, and we can talk like father-son," Taggart said. "He's always there for me whenever I need him."

Another who lent a shoulder was Sandra Brown, Taggart's fiancée.

"She always keeps me straight," Taggart said. "When I'm down, she's there to pick

me up, and I admire her for that."

Brown is currently a junior at Manatee Community College in Florida and will return to Western this Spring.

"I'll always be there for him — gotta be," she said.

The future is full of dreams for Taggart. He not only wants to make it to the next level, but regain the year he missed. Taking a workload of classes could allow Taggart to graduate in August 1998 and regain his lost eligibility, thanks to an NCAA rule passed in January 1996.

"It would be a blessing for both of us," Harbaugh said of the possibility of Taggart's return.

His play may get him to the next level. In just the first two weeks of the season, he has been named Co-Offensive Player of the Week for Division I-AA and is the current Player of the Week.

"He's a dreamer," Daniel said. "But they say people with big dreams always have them come true, and I hope they do for him."

Long chooses youth over experience

By JENNY CHRISTIAN

Western runners are looking to gain experience in Saturday's meet at Tennessee-Chattanooga.

"We're running good workouts," Coach Curtiss Long said. "We want to see what that means when you get into a meet."

With Sun Belt Conference regulations allowing only seven runners from each squad to travel, Long said he had decisions to make.

Of the 10 athletes on the men's squad, Long chose to leave some of the more experienced at home to give some of the underclassmen more experience. Seniors Nick Alivell and Daryn Lambooy, along with junior Iain Don-wachope, will run their first meet of the season at home Sept. 20.

On the women's team, injuries helped dictate those who would not be traveling. Junior Anna Adams and sophomore Valerie Lynch are still not up to competition. Long said they would re-evaluate their situation in a month.

Long said the two squads that are traveling are "good quality squads." He said he didn't want to wait for the home race to be the team's first.

"It will be good for us to get a race under our belt," sophomore Colleen Guy said. "I look for us to be very competitive with everyone there."

The meet should seem familiar to Western's runners. Bill Gautier, coach of UT-Chattanooga, ran for Western 20 years ago and has patterned his meet after the one held at Bowling Green's Kereiakes Park each season. Gautier helped start that meet 15 years ago and is still quite fond of his alma mater.

"We are flattered that Western came to our meet," Gautier said. "They're a team of good caliber. I expect Western to win."

Western's runners are headed into this meet not only to gain experience, but also some camaraderie. Long said he believes the meet will be a good environment to achieve both.

"There's not a great deal of pressure," Long said.

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Detrex construction could begin this fall

By SARAH RAMSEY

Each semester, Western students pay a \$5 fee to intramural facilities to fund something called the Intramural Outdoor Project, a state-of-the-art sports complex for student use.

The complex was supposed to be completed in 1995, but Western students still haven't seen the complex. They still pay the fee, though.

"The \$5 fee is protecting the investment we have made so far," said Russellville senior Keith Coffman, Student Government Association president.

The project has an estimated cost of \$573,009. The student fee has currently raised \$387,811 toward the complex, also known as Detrex Field, and the Budget and Management Information office estimates another \$133,000 will be raised by the end of the semester.

The total from this fund will be combined with \$40,000 allotted by the Board of Regents and other state funds to build the complex, but students are still being charged the fee.

Detrex Field is located at the corner of Campbell Lane and Industrial Road. It was purchased by Western for the purpose of building an intramural sports complex.

The complex will contain four softball fields, six football fields, one soccer field and a concession stand/press box facility.

Once completed, all outdoor intramural activities, along with varsity softball and the rugby club, will use the complex.

"We have a chance to run some national tournaments that we are going to get involved in, and we are going to be the university in the state and region," said Intramurals Director Debbie Cherwak. "With six flag football fields, we are going to start hosting events which will bring revenue into the university."

Red tape from both the state and the university has been given as the reason why the complex hasn't been built. The project has also experienced some setbacks along the way.

In January 1995, it was learned that the concession stand/press box facility would have to meet ADA standards for buildings. This meant the second floor of the building would have to be accessible to the handicapped, which would cost an additional \$21,000.

As of February 1995, the project was already six months behind because the building had

to be redesigned and because of delays in Frankfort in negotiations between engineers and consultants concerning fees.

In July 1995, another problem arose. The city of Bowling Green announced plans to widen Campbell Lane, which would require a modification of the layout of the fields.

Most of 1996 was spent taking care of the paperwork and legal aspects of the project.

In July 1996, the project's cost was announced and in August 1996, bids were opened for phase one, with the bid being received by Holland Inc.

Phase one consisted of making the field level, seeding the grass and dealing with the field's drainage problem. Phase one was completed this past summer.

However, the field is not ready to be played on yet.

"The field is seeded but not ready for use because of the dry spell that occurred this summer," Cherwak said. "If we use it prematurely, we release the seeding company from being responsible for the outcome."

"Everybody is really giving all efforts to get this done."

Until the field is completed, flag football games will be played on DUC south lawn and the soccer practice field. However, those fields are by no means in top condition.

DUC south lawn has rocks that have materialized and Facilities Management addressed the problem by seeding and watering the area about two weeks ago so the flag football schedule could start on time.

Later this month bidding procedures will begin for phase two, which consists of the construction of the concession stand/press box facility.

Coffman said construction could begin this fall.

"Right now, it may look like it is taking a long time and more money than it is, but I believe once we see the finished product, students will be really pleased," he said.

For those who will graduate before the completion of this project, plans are already under way to conduct several alumni tournaments.

"Western Kentucky University will have a state-of-the-art facility that will be a source of pride for past, present and future students," Cherwak said. "Our university has beautiful examples of such heritages made possible by students who graduate before the dreams materialized. They do, however, take pride in their legacies."

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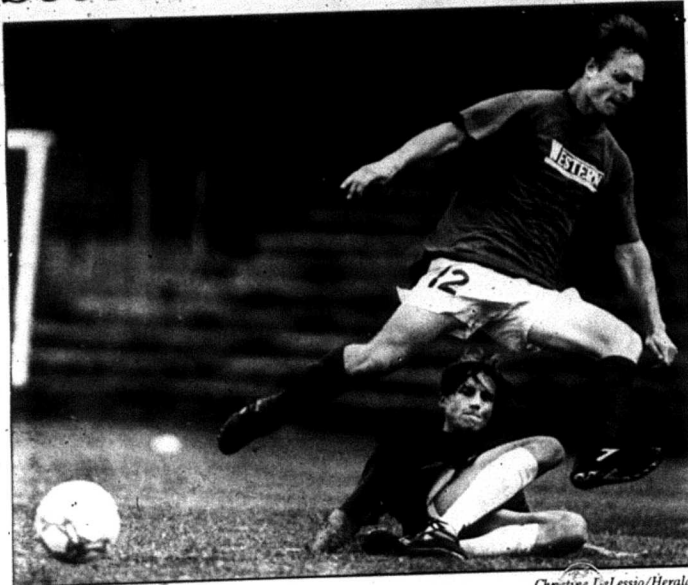
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Soccer to face Memphis in home opener

BY GEORGE ROBINSON



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During soccer practice Tuesday afternoon at Creason Field, senior defender Greg Sparks jumps over senior midfielder Stephen Robinson in an attempted tackle. Western plays University of Memphis at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Smith Stadium.

Western's soccer team has heard enough about last season's disappointments. They're ready to close that chapter of their athletic careers.

Last season's home games were another chapter, but the Toppers are ready to rewrite it as they prepare for the home opener against Memphis at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Smith Stadium.

"We're looking for our first win at home to get the community behind us," said Western senior goalkeeper

Andrew Cecil.

"There's nothing like home-field advantage, but we won't have an advantage if nobody shows up."

Western's total home attendance last year was 1,919 — an average of 239 fans per game.

"In the 14 years I've been here, last year was the worst turnout that I've seen," said Western coach David Holmes.

"Of course we really didn't put an exciting product out there."

This year expects to be different as the Toppers (1-2) bring back senior forwards Mark Robson and Tom Morgan.

The two captains were expected to increase the team's scoring opportunities, and they haven't disappointed.

Both Robson and Morgan have a total of 13 shots on goal in three games, scoring two goals. The Tigers boast an early record of 2-1-1, having beaten then-No. 8 University of Portland

last Sunday. Last season, Memphis defended their home field, taking care of Western 2-0 on their way to a 11-7-1 record.

"I think all our coaches are finding little cracks in our game," said Memphis coach Chris Bartels. "We're not exactly sure where we stand — yet."

The Tigers have scored seven goals in four games, but have given up nine.

"Some days our defense is our strong suit, other days they give up one too many goals," Bartels said. "Other days we move the

ball well on offense but can't score."

The Tigers return sophomore goalie Brian Covey, who recorded nine shutouts last year, and senior midfielder Rogerio Lima, who led the team in scor-

"Memphis, New Mexico, Kentucky and Louisville are all non-conference rivals, and they're a good preparation for the MVC."

— David Holmes
soccer coach

ing last year.

The Toppers are hoping whatever the outcome, the game will prepare them for a tough Missouri Valley Conference schedule.

"Memphis, New Mexico, Kentucky and Louisville are all non-conference rivals, and they're a good preparation for the MVC," Holmes said.

Other than a few nicks and bruises, Western will be looking to even their record and begin a new season with a successful team and a responding community.

"We can't dwell in the past," Cecil said. "It'll be great to get all those fans out screaming and cheering for us. That's a motivator for us to do well."

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